

City of Middletown
Parks & Recreation Department
100 Riverview Center
Suite 140
Middletown, Connecticut 06457

Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of September 1, 2011
Held at the Recreation Department Office at 100 Riverview Center

Present: Commissioners Gerry Winzer, Dan Drew, Sheila Jones and Ricky Romano. Director Raymond Santostefano, Superintendent's John Milardo and Raymond Jacobs, representing the Parks and Recreation Department.

Absent: Commissioners Pessina and D'Aquila. Commissioner Jaskot arrived at 7:22 p.m.

Call: Chairman Winzer called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm, in the main room of the Recreation Office, at 100 Riverview Center, Suite 140.

Public Hearing: Michael Nappi, Prof. Gallitto Boys Basketball League, requested the same amount of Youth Sports Grant funding as last year.

Frank Marchese, Middletown Youth Soccer, also requested the same amount of Youth Sports Grant funding as last year for equipment, referees, etc.

Steven Ladd, Ahern Whalen Baseball, requested a \$7500.00 grant as he previously requested last year.

Steven Ladd, represented Anissa Ladd, Middletown Little League. He stated that considering the higher than normal number of scholarships and the purchase of new safety fence tubing, Anissa was requesting a \$10,000.00 grant.

Harold Panciera, Prof. Gallitto Girls Youth Basketball, requested \$3200.00 as he previously requested last year, to help defray the cost of referees, basketballs, score book, scorekeepers, site managers, etc.

Motion: Commissioner Romano made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Drew seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was unanimously approved.

Minutes: Chairman Winzer requested a motion be made accepting the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of June 2, 2011. Commissioner Romano accepted. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Department Reports: Director Santostefano spoke about the Recreation Department's receipt of letters from parents, expressing their satisfaction with the summer recreation camp programs. He highlighted all of the summer programs and stated that most camps were at capacity. He

also stated that the Department added an eighth and ninth week called “Late Summer Fun” for the first time. It ran at capacity, utilizing revenue generated by the Department and not utilizing any tax dollars. This program did not provide bussing.

He then spoke about the Parks Department’s maintenance and repairs that have been completed and the various baseball tournaments that were successfully held. Director Santostefano stated that Butternut Hollow Park is overgrown and unsightly at this time, due to a DEP experiment.

Correspondence: None

Miscellaneous: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Chairman Winzer spoke about Middletown Little League not submitting a Youth Sports Grant application last year but stated that they have done so this year.

The following are a list of grants submitted by the various Middletown Youth Leagues.

Middletown Little League	\$3800.00
Middletown Youth Football	\$10,000.00
Prof. Gallitto Girls Youth Basketball	\$3200.00
Prof Gallitto Boys Youth Basketball	\$5500.00
Ahern Whalen Baseball	\$7500.00
Middletown Youth Soccer	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	\$40,000.00

Motion: Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the above fees. Commissioner Drew seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was unanimously approved.

Director Santostefano discussed the Boys Youth Lacrosse request’s usage of city fields. No action was taken because the Lacrosse representative was not present.

Miscellaneous: Chairman Winzer discussed future meetings to be held regarding some issues that need to be addressed. A January meeting with Fred Balsamo regarding CIAC baseball; A February meeting with Little League regarding scheduling and a meeting regarding the signs that are being put up on the Union Park and Veteran’s Memorial Green.

Adjournment: Commissioner Romano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Jones. It was a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lori A. Marcati